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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method of measuring a speed of a vehicle having an antenna and travelling on a track formed by two rails, the track being divided in track sections separated by electric joints, each electric joint including two tuning blocks and a predetermined length of a track section, each of the tuning blocks allowing power coupling between adjacent track sections, the method comprising:

detecting a first discontinuity in a current or voltage of a signal generated by the antenna at a first predetermined frequency when the vehicle passes a first tuning block of an electric joint configured to operate at the same first frequency;

detecting a second discontinuity in a current or voltage of a signal generated by the antenna at the same first frequency when the vehicle passes a second tuning block of the electric joint configured to operate at a second predetermined frequency; and

using the detected discontinuities to measure the speed of the vehicle travelling on the track.

- 19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 18, further comprising obtaining the first discontinuity when an axle of the vehicle passes at a level of the first tuning block, wherein the first tuning block is configured to operate at <a href="mailto:the[[a]]">the[[a]]</a> first frequency.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising exerting an electrical action at the first frequency of the first tuning block to obtain the second discontinuity.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein the second discontinuity is obtained by creating an electric or magnetic field in a vicinity of the second tuning block.

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22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the electric or magnetic field is generated through a current which is proportional to a current caused by a voltage injected into the first tuning block.

- 23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 22, wherein the electric or magnetic field is generated by the current caused by said voltage.
- 24. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 20, wherein the electrical action is a voltage injected in series with a voltage at a second frequency of the second tuning block.
- 25. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 24, wherein the voltage injected in series is proportional to the voltage that is injected into the first tuning block.
- 26. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 20, wherein the electrical action is the injection of a current into a voltage generator of the second tuning block, and wherein the current travels around a loop arranged between the rails.
- 27. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 26, wherein the current is proportional to the current caused by the voltage injected into the first tuning block.
- 28. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 27, further comprising filtering said signal at the first frequency of the voltage injected into the first tuning block.
- 29. (Currently Amended) An installation for measuring a speed of a vehicle having an antenna and travelling on a track formed by two rails, the track being divided in track sections separated by electric joints, comprising:

a first tuning block in an electric joint, the first tuning block being configured to be in communication at a first predetermined frequency with an antenna of the vehicle when the vehicle passes the first tuning block;

a second tuning block in the electric joint, the second tuning block being configured to be in communication at a second predetermined frequency with the antenna when the vehicle passes the second tuning block; and

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a generator configured to generate at least two current or voltage discontinuities in a signal generated by the antenna at the first frequency when passing one of the first and second tuning blocks of the electric joint.

- 30. (Currently Amended) The installation of Claim 29, wherein the generator includes a loop arranged in proximity to the second tuning block, and a power supply for a current at the [[a]] first frequency of the first tuning block.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The installation of Claim 30, wherein the loop is arranged in series with the first tuning block.
- 32. (Withdrawn) The installation of Claim 29, wherein the generator includes a voltage generator at the first frequency of the first tuning block connected in series with the second tuning block.
- 33. (Withdrawn) The installation of Claim 29, wherein the generator includes of a current generator connected in parallel to the second tuning block via a loop arranged between the rails.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The installation of Claim 29, wherein the antenna on board the vehicle is placed in front of a first axle of the vehicle along with a receiver circuit connected to the antenna and provided with a filter set at the first frequency.